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PRESS, PERIODICALS AND BOOKS INCREASE

7,000 NEWSPAPERS SERVE USSR -- Patriot Rodiny, No 36, 4 May 49

There are now more than 7,000 newspapers and 360 periodicals, with a total circulation of more than 36 million copies, published in the languages of USSR peoples. More than 40,000 different books, with a circulation of almost 617 million copies, were published in 1948.

More than 178 million copies of Lenin's Works have been published in 77 languages, while 34.6 million copies of Stalin's Short Course on the History of the VCP(b) were published in 65 languages.

Rechny Transport, No 36, 6 May 49

More than 7,000 newspapers are now published in the USSR. A single issue of all these newspapers totals 31 million copies.

PRESS SUBSCRIPTIONS INCREASE -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 78, 3 Apr 49

In 1946, individual subscription to periodicals and newspapers in Khabarovsk Kray constituted 49 percent of the total circulation, whereas the proportion increased to 60 percent in 1947 and to 75 percent in the first quarter of 1949. In Petropavlovsk-on-Kamchatka, subscription to periodical literature has increased more than 200 percent. Individual subscriptions, however, are lagging in some parts of the kray, particularly in enterprises in the Jewish Autonomous Oblast. The oblast newspaper, Birobidzhanskaya Zvezda, has a small circulation. This newspaper frequently fails to meet its publication schedule, with as many as 48 failures to meet deadlines in the last 3 months.

The oblast and city Party committees in the kray must improve their control over the circulation of the press so that every worker may become a subscriber to a newspaper.

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TIRASPOL' ACQUIRES NEW PRINTING OFFICE -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 92, 10 May 49

The first section of the State Book Printing Office has been put into operation in Tiraspol'. The typesetting, printing, bookbinding, and other shops are equipped with modern machinery. Fourteen printing presses have been installed, including three polychromatic presses, six linotypes, a bookbinding machine, and others. In addition to books, the printing office will print the city and rayon newspapers.

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